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First COVID-19 case in Ware

By Eileen Kennedy
Staff writer

WARE – The state Department of Public Health notified the Quabbin Health District Tuesday of the town's first confirmed case of COVID-19, according to a press release by Health Director Judy Metcalf.

The DPH reported on Tuesday that 868 new cases of COVID-19 had been determined, bringing the state's total to 6,620 people who have been confirmed

with it. Tuesday's DPH numbers also showed that 33 more people in the state have died from it, bringing the total to 89.

As of Tuesday, the DPH said there were a total of 69 confirmed cases in Hampshire County, 354 in Hampden County and 433 in Worcester County.

"We know case numbers are really not a good indication of the infection rate within a community because of the delays in having adequate testing capabilities earlier in this pandemic and the

guidelines of who will be tested," she said in the release. "We know that 80 percent of those infected with the virus are asymptomatic or have mild symptoms and never need to seek medical care and testing."

Metcalf went on to say that she realized many residents are concerned about coronavirus."I would like to remind everyone that the best thing

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Calling all residents!

Kids, parents, adults, those on the front lines, those at home and everyone in between, Turley Publications wants to share the experiences of all our residents during the COVID-19 emergency. Essays, drawings and photos are all very welcome. Help us document this historic time with your experiences by sending submissions to ekennedy@turley.com



Water main work to begin April 6

By Eileen Kennedy
Staff writer

WARE – Water main work on Main Street for several businesses will begin on Monday, April 6, which is being done ahead of the Main Street redesign project, according to Town Manager Stuart Beckley. Annual Town Meeting voters passed a \$60,000 warrant article to replace the old water mains to several businesses before the larger project got underway, although the state is doing the work.

Beckley said the water main work will have very few street disturbances. Properties will experience up to a 40-minute water shut-off as each line is replaced and connected, and Ludlow Construction is preparing notifications to those owners.

"Ludlow Construction is aware that the town is operating at low staffing and will work with Department of Public Works Director Gilbert St. George-Sorel should unexpected conditions arise," Beckley said.

After the water main work is completed, the next steps will be the installation of National Grid poles and drainage work, and some patching, which will occur in May as well as removing and piling the granite curbs.

Full construction, particularly at the intersection of Main and West, will commence around June 1, Beckley said, which includes a lot of conduit work. It will be backfilled daily Monday through Thursday, and patched on Friday, he said, and access along sidewalks will be assured.

The project involves the reconstruction of Main Street beginning roughly before the intersection of West and Main streets, then goes east past the intersection of South and Church streets, including a new traffic light with full signalization at West, Main and West Main streets.

Beckley said according to Ludlow Construction officials, project signs started going up on Wednesday, April 1. The Dig Safe process has already been completed. DigSafe is a nonprofit clearinghouse that notifies participating utility companies of plans to

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Hospital staff are on lines

By Dalton Zbierski
and Melina Bourdeau
Staff Writers

While patients fight a war against COVID-19, medical personnel roam the front lines.

Medical professionals at Baystate Hospitals in the region, Cooley Dickinson in Northampton and Holyoke Hospital each face a similar set of issues caused by the pandemic, which are being navigated on a daily basis.

As of Monday, March 30 Baystate tested 1,372 individuals; 974 have come back negative; 258 positives; and 140 are still pending results.

Measures taken thus far

Baystate Medical Center has constructed a temporary rapid response triage facility outside the Emergency Department as a result of the demands created by the coronavirus pandemic, according to Michelle Holmgren, of Baystate Health. "These are designed to handle some 30 to 40 patients; the triage area will serve as a rapid, initial screening venue for staff to identify those patients of most immediate need."

Neither Holyoke or Cooley Dickinson have transformed its waiting rooms into triage units and both are strictly sticking to protocols handed down by the Center for Disease Control.

In order to meet the growing number of cases at each hospital, various safety measures have

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POSTCARDS FROM HOME



Julie Woodward, of West Warren, has a great message for everyone – #usastrong.

Families head outdoors during stay-at-home order

By Eileen Kennedy
Staff writer

With children at home through May 4, and many of their parents as well, it seems the outdoors beckons, which can only be a good thing for all.

Nicole Woodward, of West Warren, gave the Ware River News and its readers an update on how things are going at her home.

"Good morning all my amazing readers! As a mom who still works during these trying times, I'm finding things to be stressful," she wrote. My husband's out of work and home with the kids. The kids are out of school. My husband is not used to being an at home dad. And is kinda going a little crazy."

She said her youngsters "are definitely confused as to why we can't go to school or out to visit family and friends."

Some of the stress is relieved by going outside. "On my days off we try to find fun things to do, like play outside, taking a walk, reading a good book and movie nights," she said. "My son Joey learned how to ride his bike with no training wheels. And my daughter Julia likes to pretend her and I are at the salon when I paint her nails."

Of course, there are things to do inside as well. "My son Ethan's favorite is movie night," she said. "He says, 'I like it because we're all together with snakes and popcorn just like at the movie theater.'" She said Warren Community Elementary School teachers are "working extremely hard to stay connected. And they are doing a fantastic job."

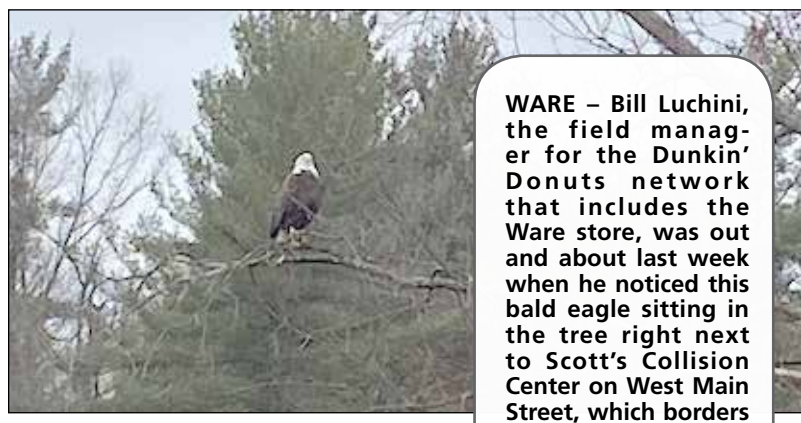
In Ware, Terry Skaza said her grandsons in Ware are spending a lot more times out-

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Julia Woodward, of West Warren, likes to pretend she's at a beauty salon when her mom, Nicole, does her nails.

WATCHING OVER WARE



Turley Publications courtesy photo by Bill Luchini

WARE – Bill Luchini, the field manager for the Dunkin' Donuts network that includes the Ware store, was out and about last week when he noticed this bald eagle sitting in the tree right next to Scott's Collision Center on West Main Street, which borders the Muddy Brook.

Mandell Hill offers vistas, woodlands view

By Eileen Kennedy
Staff writer

HARDWICK – Visiting Mandell Hill is a chance to walk on trails through a working farm as well as woodlands, which are rich in birds. The looped trail is a mile and a half long and takes about an hour to complete. There

are also some electrified fencing as it is a working farm with a herd of beef cows. Visitors are asked to stay on the trail and dogs are discouraged due to the farm animals and the grassland birds, such as bobolinks and meadowlarks.

"Mandell Hill is a property with a wide loop that is not too steep and not too rocky," said East

Quabbin Land Trust Executive Director Cynthia Henshaw. "The entrance is wide open farmland, and there are great vistas; you can see Mount Wachusett."

The EQLT owns the 155-acre tract that belonged to one of Hardwick's early citizens, the Mandells. Betty Mixter Morss donated the property to

the organization. She was part of Hardwick's world-renowned Mixter family, who introduced scientific farming methods to the town and raised well-known dairy cows for decades. The property also includes the foundation of a

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Counting turtles



We would love to give you or your kids a fun little project each week.

Starting this week we will be hiding **TURLEY** (the turtle) our new mascot within the paper. Have fun and count how many times you find Turley. Email your results along with your name, town and turtle count from what paper to ekennedy@turley.com. We will post your name and count in the following weeks paper.

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Brookside Mart, West Street

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Hillside Village, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Seniors, Senior Center 967-9648, ext.501, week-days 11:30 a.m.
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Are You Old News?



Each week the Ware River News digs into its submitted photo archives and selects a people photo to publish. We need your help to help identify those pictured.

Email your answers by Monday at noon to ekennedy@turley.com.

Last week's Are You Old News? featured a photo of Ware baseball player Ryan Slattery sliding across home plate, helping to defeat Belchertown 9-2. That ran in the issue of April 18, 1991.



Does anyone recognize the folks in this week's photo, which ran in the May 2, 1991 issue. Please send your answer to ekennedy@turley.com, with your full name so we can give you credit for your answer.

Baystate Health sets up equipment donation hotline

SPRINGFIELD – The phone hasn't stopped ringing since Adam Quenneville recently put out an A.P.B. to local contractors to donate new N95 surgical respirator masks with NIOSH on the labeling to Baystate Health. Contractor calls and calls from other sources prompted Baystate Health to set up a donations hotline so it can review the calls to determine whether the supplies that are donated can be used by clinicians and how to drop them off.

"Our brotherhood of contractors is really coming together to get this done," said Adam Quenneville, organizer of the drive. "Contractors from all over are reaching out to me directly. I am referring them to the new number at Baystate Health where they can learn if their donations can be used by staff and how

to get their donations to the hospital. We still need more N95 masks. Let's keep it coming! Thank you and be well."

"We continue to hear from contractors," said Mary Persaud, consultant with clinical value analysis at Baystate Health. "Thank you."

She is coordinating the donation process to keep it safe and organized. N95 respirator masks with NIOSH imprinted on the labeling are designed to protect against particulate matter such as dust, fumes, mists, aerosols and smoke particulates. They are effective against biological particles such as pollen, mold spores, bacteria, viruses, animal dander and allergens, and aerosolized droplets invisible to the naked eye. To make a donation Phone: 413-794-2025, or email covid19PPE@baystatehealth.org.

Art exhibition canceled

HARDWICK – The Hardwick Historical Society has canceled its two-day art exhibition featuring local artist, Frank J. Bly on April 4 and April 5, from noon to 4 p.m., at the Hardwick Town House on the Hardwick Common. This is a rare opportunity to meet him and see some of his famous Quabbin paintings and other of surrounding towns. The Historical Museum will be also open for viewing during the event. This event is free and open to the public. It is handicapped accessible for those in need.



Michael H. Deslauriers Scholarship applications now available



WARE – Applications for the Michael H. Deslauriers Scholarship are now available at high school guidance offices. The committee will award the Michael H. Deslauriers scholarship to a graduating senior residing in the town of Ware, regardless of the school district they attend.

To apply for this scholarship, a copy of the student's school transcript and a completed application, which is available at area school guidance offices, must be submitted by May 1.

Please mail the application to Ware Armvets Post 2577, C/O Richard Rucki, 8 First Ave., Ware, MA, 01082.



Spring is creeping out

WARE – The United Church of Ware sported a bunch of daffodils that had bloomed in their front yard this past weekend, a welcome sign of spring.



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COVID-19 affects trial courts

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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By now, the entire region is aware of the many closures and restrictions thanks to the COVID-19 pandemic and the recommendations to avoid one another, social distance, and to “stay-at-home” if at all possible.

But one thing that has not been as clear to many individuals is how to access a modified court system while the state of emergency is in effect.

Springfield District Court, located on the Robert E. Ireland Courthouse, was closed on March 16 and 17 to allow for deep cleaning of the courthouse. The court and its outlying smaller courts serve most of Hampden County. On Friday, March 20, it was announced a court officer in the superior court had tested positive for coronavirus, and the court was closed for a week. It re-opened on Monday, March 30.

But “re-opened” is a loose term, and the Hampden County District Attorney is operating with limited staff in person at the courthouse. Judges in all the courts are on a rotation as well to limit their exposure to the public.

The courts are closed through at least April 6, and that closure could extend further with President Donald Trump’s recent declaration that social distancing continue through April 30.

According to a message from the Supreme Judicial Court, court appearances are limited to “emergency matters.”

“Courts will be closed to the public March 18, 2020 until at least April 6, 2020. The only matters that will be heard in-person in Massachusetts state courthouses



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Eastern Hampshire District Court in Belchertown.

are emergency matters that cannot be held by videoconference or telephone. Each of the seven Trial Court departments will define emergency matters for their departments.

“Courthouses will be closed to the public except to conduct emergency hearings that cannot be resolved through a videoconference or telephonic hearing. Clerk’s offices shall remain open to the public to accept pleadings and other documents in emergency matters only.”

Some judges have held hearings for issues such as restraining orders. However, any non-emergency issues have been deferred or “continued” by the court.

Also being continued are all jury trials.

“All trials in both criminal and civil cases scheduled to commence in Massachusetts state courts between today and April 17, 2020, are continued to a date no earlier

than April 21, 2020,” according to the SJC, “unless the trial is a civil case where the parties and the court agree that the case can be decided without the need for in-person appearance in court. Where a jury trial has commenced, the trial will end based on the manifest necessity arising from the pandemic and a new trial may commence after the public health emergency ends.

Rest-assured, however, the SJC is keeping a running justice system, utilizing many other methods that others are using to communicate such as telephone teleconferencing, videoconferencing, email and other means.

With clerks’ offices still open, individuals needing assistance can contact their respective clerk’s office.

The District Court in Northampton, part of the Northwestern District which includes towns like Belchertown and Ware, was temporarily closed

as well. That closure included Hampshire County Superior Court. Both were scheduled to re-open on Tuesday, March 31. However, like Hampden’s courts, they are subject to the same in-person restrictions as the courts seeks to have as few people as possible.

In terms of criminal activity, the courts are still processing and arraigning suspects. Arraignments have also occurred remotely and through alternate means.

For jurors, with jury service suspended, the Office of the Jury Commissioner is temporarily closed. The people in the office are working remotely. All jurors with service scheduled through April 7 have had their service cancelled. Anyone with service scheduled for April 7 are on standby status unless they have received a notice of cancellation from the court.

For more information, call your local clerk’s office or go to www.mass.gov.

Board of Registrars postpones Town Election

WARE – The Board of Registrars voted during a Monday afternoon meeting to postpone the Town Election, originally scheduled for April 13, to an unspecified date due to the governor’s state of emergency declaration in the face of COVID-19.

The Board does not schedule elections, and a new date for the election will be chosen by the SelectBoard, according to Town Clerk Nancy Talbot.

At the SelectBoard’s meeting of March 24, they voted to postpone the Town Election to an unnamed date. They also briefly mentioned postponing this year’s Annual Town Meeting, although no action was taken.

The SelectBoard is scheduled to meet again on Tuesday, April 7, and there will be instructions on the town’s website about how to join the meeting online. Town Hall remains closed to the public.

West Brookfield Asparagus Festival canceled for this year

WEST BROOKFIELD - The West Brookfield Asparagus & Flower Heritage Festival, scheduled for Saturday, May 16, has been canceled.

An announcement, signed by co-chairmen Anne Garwood Hampp and Emily Day, mailed to vendors last week, stated “Due to the recent declaration of the State of Emergency by Governor Charles Baker and the issuance of Global Pandemic by the World Health Organization of COVID-19, the West Brookfield Board of Health has officially cancelled all Festivals, Concerts and gatherings of more than 10 people in the Town of West Brookfield until further notice.” “Unfortunately, this means that the West Brookfield Asparagus and Flower Heritage Festival will be canceled for this year,” it went on to say. “We hope that decisive actions like these at our local and national level will help to stem the spread of COVID-19. We hope to see your applications

again in 2021, in the meantime we hope you all stay safe and healthy during these uncertain times.”

The festival, celebrating what would have been its 20th year, has been, since its inception, a highly popular springtime event, attracting thousands to the West Brookfield town common for a day of celebration - of food, music, children, animals and more than a hundred vendors of everything asparagus, earthy and artisanal, all in the name of Diederick Leertouwer. Leertouwer served as a Dutch ambassador to Massachusetts and New Hampshire; he lived in a home on the common in West Brookfield and, according to local history, brought asparagus to America in 1794.

Amy Dugas, a director of the festival since its early years, expressed her regret over the cancellation, but reminds all friends, visitors and vendors that the festival will appear next year on the third Saturday in May.

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been made.

Inside Cooley Dickinson hospital, visitors have been restricted and many employees have been assigned remote work when possible.

As of Wednesday, March 18, Baystate Health restricted its visitor policy and at this time is not allowing visitors at any Baystate Health hospitals.

There are exceptions, at the discretion of Baystate Health, of one parent or guardian for a patient under the age of 18, one birthing partner for a patient in labor, one person at a time for a hospice or end of life patient, one clergy member for an end of life patient and one caretaker for a completely depending patient.

Seeking medical attention

Holyoke Medical Center advises people with symptoms to call their primary care provider and/or go to the center and follow signs labeled for fever, cough and flu symptoms, which lead to the Emergency Room.

Dr. Armando Paez, Chief of Infectious Diseases at Baystate

Health, added that “approximately 80 percent of COVID-19 are mild infections.

“However, this can be a serious infection requiring hospitalization for some, particularly in the elderly and those with diabetes, heart and lung disease,” he said. “Similar to the flu, symptoms may include fever, cough, and shortness of breath two to 14 days after exposure. Symptoms can be mild to severe illness and result in pneumonia.”

The medical team at Cooley Dickinson strongly recommends that everyone stay home, isolate, practice social distancing and maintain good hand hygiene.

Both facilities are in daily communication with local and state officials, the Massachusetts Hospital Association and other hospitals.

Cooley Dickinson is also in touch with its parent hospital, Massachusetts General Hospital.

“Conversations are about testing; supporting our workforce through this public health crisis; planning for a potential surge of patients as well as managing the daily operations of people who come to the hospital with heart attack, stroke, and other medical



Turley Staff Photos by Melina Bourdeau

As of March 25, throughout Baystate Health, 835 individuals have been tested; 373 have come back negative; 52 positive and 410 are still pending results.

conditions that are not related to COVID-19. We are working collaboratively across the region and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,” said Rebecca MacGregor, Holyoke Hospital spokeswoman.

MacGregor explained what symptoms mandate a hospital visit.

“If someone is experiencing common symptoms of COVID-19 such as fever or cough, they should call their primary health care provider for guidance,” she said. “For

their safety and the safety of others, please do not go to an urgent care clinic or emergency room unless you have been instructed to do so.”

“Your primary care provider will give you instructions on how to get care without exposing other people to your illness. If you are experiencing life-threatening symptoms such as difficulty in breathing or pressure in the chest, please call 911.”

Medical staff face shortage

Hospitals and medical centers across the state are being also facing a lack of supplies.

Materials that may have been taken for granted last month have quickly become precious commodities. Local facilities are preparing for the worst, and additional materials are needed.

Holyoke Medical Center had

adequate supplies as of March 23, but Director of Marketing Rebecca MacGregor voiced concerns surrounding resupply. The hospital needs N-95 Masks and N-95, she said.

However, used or home-made masks will not be accepted, MacGregor added.

Cooley Dickinson Hospital in Northampton adopted a similar policy regarding “risky masks,” but urges residents to donate medical-grade Personal Protective Equipment.

Acceptable donations include surgical or fluid shield N-95 masks, goggles, safety glasses, disposable gowns, hand sanitizer, bleach and Sani-Wipes.

Provisions can be dropped off at Cooley Dickinson’s North Entrance, Monday through Friday, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

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you can do is to stay home, stay informed and follow the guidance that is being put out by the DPH and the CDC,” she wrote. “If you must go out for essential services like for food or medicine, please maintain your social distancing of at least six feet and avoid gatherings.”

She also said the Ware Fire/Ambulance, Ware Police Department, Ware Board of Health, Ware Board of Selectmen, Town Manager, the Quabbin Health District and the Town Nurse are working very closely to ensure that all of the necessary actions are being implemented to ensure the safety and well-being of residents. “The town continues to receive the

best emergency and public health service possible during this time,” she said.

Acting Fire Chief Christopher Gagnon said earlier Tuesday that there really had not been much of an increase in calls and the department was well-stocked with protective gear.

He said residents have been following the DPH’s and CDC’s recommendations and are not calling 911 unless they have shortness of breath or other severe health problems. “It has truly helped us not to have a big increase in calls, which is

good he said, because, as always, they have also had other medical calls with people who have been very sick with other issues.

“When we get calls we’ve been taking precautions,” he said.

Town Manager Stuart Beckley said all departments are working together and first responders have the proper protective equipment.

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By Javier Puente
Guest columnist

In 1978, prominent historian William H. McNeill first offered a pathbreaking view of the past, present and future of society. Our trajectories as tribes, villages, cities, empires and nation-states have been, and continue to be, deeply intertwined with the parasites that find sustenance and thrive inside our bodies.

No account of our past, no evaluation of our present, and no forecast of the future would be complete without weighing the role bacteria, viruses and other microscopic organisms have played in shaping, constraining, limiting and sometimes radically challenging our fate.

The arrival of Europeans in the Americas and the colonization of the hemisphere is one of the most well-known examples.

Within a few decades, a still economically and socially precarious group of European societies came to successfully conquer a continent and, subsequently, reemerged as superpowers competing over global domination. In the process, however, tens of millions of indigenous peoples throughout the Americas faced demographic obliteration – some as the result of violence, most as the result of European diseases that used the bodies of conquistadors as their vectors.

Smallpox and other infections framed a global geopolitical order that lasted almost four centuries. Such an order centered Europe, first, and the United States, later on, as epicenters of unseen dynamics of mobility and circulation. Inside galleons and other vessels, white merchants brought African peoples as slaves to the Americas, carried Caribbean sugar back to Europe and Andean and Mexican silver to China, made substantial profits at the expense of misery and suffering, and ultimately contoured the profile of modern capitalism.

Predation and pillage lied at the core of this newly minted economic system. Human trafficking, biodiversity degradation, pollution and contamination became the correlates of widely celebrated discourses and narratives of political and material progress. In the meantime, African mosquitoes transported along with enslaved African peoples brought Genus Flavivirus and Plasmodium malariae, yellow fever and malaria, transforming a space of profit into a realm of disease. When Americans, Haitians, Cubans and others launched their revolutions against European domination, both yellow fever and malaria played a critical role decimating imperial armies and leaving immune revolutionary troops nearly untouched.

Viruses and parasites, once again, set the global geopolitical scene in the dawn of the 20th century, aiding the rise of nation-states throughout the American hemisphere. Economically decaying imperial powers entered the Great War in 1914 and brought nearly the entire world to contact through conflict dynamics. As devastating as the war was, producing approximately 40 million casualties, the worst happened when dispatched peoples returned home.

An H1N1 influenza virus, sometimes wrongfully called Spanish influenza, traveled throughout the world with returning troops and infected 500 million people – a third of the world population at the time – killing 10 percent of them. The working-class youth were the primary victims of this virus, being exposed to unsanitary conditions in the midst of postwar economic contractions. The greatest pandemic in recent history transformed the world in years and decades to come, showing the vulnerability of all peoples to diseases regardless of their economic condition, shrinking the global economically active population, leaving hundreds of thousands of orphans behind, and perhaps setting the conditions for the 1920s baby boom and the Great Depression.

Throughout the rest of the century, other pandemics threatened society, often locally but sometimes triggering global concern: the 1957 H2N2 pandemic, the 1968 flu pandemic, the 1997-1999 avian flu, the 2003 SARS pandemic, and the 2009 swine flu pandemic, to name a few.

The periodic return of pandemics nourishes from geopolitical orders and institutional frameworks that propel circulations, promote exposures, enhance vulnerabilities, and increase mortality. Eventually, these pandemics also set the course for the demise of those orders and frameworks.

Some observers have claimed, over the past few months, weeks and days, that we are facing an unprecedented health crisis in our history.

The previous lines suggest otherwise.

The rise and spread of COVID-19, the infamous coronavirus, is just another episode in our parasitic history. While the immediate emergency is sanitary, the larger crisis is economic, political, social and cultural. COVID-19 emerges and feeds from an economic system that naturalizes inequalities, a political order that enforces

Garden space worthy of personalizing

I have almost as much fun accessorizing my garden as I do planting it! With the amount of statuary, bird baths, sun dials and metal work seen popping up at nurseries and garden centers these days I know I am not alone. What is your personal fancy? Perhaps you decorate your vegetable or flower gardens for functional reasons or maybe to add a formal flair to your landscape. Still some of you may choose an outdoor venue to let your whimsical side shine through. Whatever the case may be, garden art is the rage. What better time than now to dream about our outdoor spaces?

Who would have thought that the lowly scarecrow, born from the rag pile, would rise to such high esteem to claim a space in suburban gardens? Not surprising, considering our love of all things folksy. Some of us still fashion scarecrows for the reason they were intended: to keep critters out of the vegetable patch. To be most effective they should move about the garden. My dad had an ingenious idea for making the scarecrow portable. Fabricate the base to which the clothes are attached out of piping (metal or PVC) rather than wood. Then, in several garden hot spots bang rebar or wooden dowels into the ground. The scarecrow can now be moved easily by

slipping its base over the rebar or dowel.

Many of us prefer to lure wildlife, namely birds and butterflies, to our gardens by providing them with attractive housing and a source of fresh water. For birdhouses to be functional insure they have a sloped roof to shed water, a perch or other area of traction near the entrance hole, and a removable wall or roof for easy cleaning. Birdbaths are commonly made of ceramic, terra cotta or stone. More shallow baths are made for butterflies, usually with a raised sipping station in the center of the basin. Give each a good scrub under fresh water daily to prevent bacterial growth and algae build up.

One way to achieve a formal look in your garden is to include some statuary. These days it need not be expensive, either. Many garden centers now carry nice (and lightweight!) pieces made out of resin.

Take into consideration the symbolic meanings attached to many of our favorite figurines before making your selection. Linda Joan Smith's book entitled "Garden Ornament" offers these suggestions: The acorn stands for life and fertility, whereas an urn with its lid means death and mourning. A statue of man's best friend is no doubt a symbol of fidelity and acts as guardian of the

ON THE GARDEN



Roberta McQuaid

GUEST COLUMN

Can Congress make democratic governance work?

By Lee H. Hamilton
Guest columnist

This is a time of great testing for Congress. As it considers responses to the nation's health and economic crises, it faces close scrutiny by ordinary Americans, financial markets, and businesses large and small across the country. The pressure to move quickly is intense, and it is not an institution built for that purpose.

Yet Congress acts with unaccustomed swiftness when needed. The House passed the first relief measure – providing paid leave, enhanced unemployment benefits, free coronavirus testing, and food and health care aid – while the administration was still coming to grips with the dimensions of the crisis. The Senate acted the following week. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell's words to the GOP caucus were instructive: "I do not believe we should let perfection be the enemy of something that will help even a subset of workers," he said. In other words: Do this now. And clearly, lawmakers took the need for speed to heart, and in a bipartisan way. The measures passed overwhelmingly in both houses.

There's a key but basic fact to remember about how Congress works: it's governed by a majority. This seems like a very simple thing to say, but the reality is that it is not always easy to achieve. I lost track of the number of times, when I served in the House, that I counted members, looking for ways to get to 218 votes (a majority of the 435 members) for a bill I supported. It was a constant question within the party leadership: "How many votes do we have? Can we go to the floor and expect to win?" This is compounded when, as now, each chamber is under the control of a different party. Still, while there are never any guarantees, at times of national crisis the math becomes much easier to achieve.

That's despite the fact that members can vote any way they want to, and Congress is where all the cross-currents and needs of a complicated nation converge. Congress — at all times, but especially now — is beset by organized interests weighing in. Industry,



professional groups, labor unions, farm organizations, veterans' groups, and hundreds of others all have something to say. These groups are highly organized, effective, and sophisticated. They and their lobbyists are powerful, talented, and deeply knowledgeable of the process. Members of Congress are also listening to the no-doubt urgent messages they're getting from their constituents and making the political calculations that, even at the most dire times, are very much in the mix on Capitol Hill. You can see why arriving at agreements swiftly is such difficult work.

Which is why, now more than ever, everything depends on the leadership. Even in calm times, the key to the functioning of Congress rests overwhelmingly with the presiding officers of the House and Senate, and with their teams. At the moment, both McConnell and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi are conveying that they intend to keep Congress on an even keel as they work on relief and stimulus legislation. Nonetheless, it is also up to ordinary Americans to keep pressure on the politicians, and especially their own representatives, to make sure that Congress performs as we need it to. I don't think people are unrealistic about what can be done — they don't expect miracles. But members of the

garden. Doves mean love and constancy, and cherubs are a sure sign of divine wisdom. Don't forget St. Fiacre, he is the patron saint of gardeners!

Sundials add a timeless formality to our gardens. Did you know that sundials have been made since the 16th century? I imagine it was long before that, however, that man began planning his day by the shadows of the sun. Sundial time and our "clock time" are exactly the same only four days out of the year: April 15, June 15, Sept. 1 and Dec. 24. The easiest way to accurately set your sundial is to hope for sun on any of those days and position it to read standard time. Sundials aren't corrected for daylight savings!

There have been lots of posts lately geared at keeping the kids busy during their sojourn from school. I saw some whimsical painted stones that looked cute enough to try ourselves. Cactus, ladybug or frog? Which will we attempt to replicate?

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SOCIAL SECURITY MATTERS

When should I claim Social Security?

By Russell Gloor
Guest columnist

Dear Rusty: I turned 63 on Aug. 12, 2019. I will be retiring June 30, 2020, from my current job. I will have made approximately \$35,000 by then and am receiving severance pay of \$19,000 on June 30. Will the pay I receive through June 30 affect what I can draw from Social Security? Also, how much of a difference would it be if I wait until Aug.12, 2020, to officially start drawing Social Security? Is there any other information I should be aware of before I start drawing Social Security? Signed: Anxious to Retire

Dear Anxious: First, let me assure you that the money you earned this year before your benefits start aren't counted as part of Social Security's "earnings test," which could affect your payment after your benefits start.

When you claim, your Social Security benefit amount will depend upon two things: your "primary insurance amount" (or "PIA"), which is determined from your highest earning 35 years (adjusted for inflation) over your lifetime, and the age at which you claim your benefit. By claiming at age 64 in August, your benefit will be cut by about 15.6 percent from what it would be if you wait to claim at your full retirement age (66 plus four months).

Your earnings for 2020 won't be applied to your Social Security record until after you file your 2020 taxes in 2021, so it won't affect your benefits (if appropriate) until after that. If your 2020 earnings are more than any of those in the 35 years used to initially compute your benefit, your benefit will increase at that time. The day of the month you were born isn't significant, only the month. So, if you apply to start benefits in August of 2020, your benefit cut will be as stated above because

you're claiming exactly two years and four months early. But if you wait longer you'll gain another 5/9ths of 1 percent (.556%) for each additional month you delay up until your full retirement age (FRA).

Although you plan to retire from work, be aware that if you decide to return you'll be subject to Social Security's earnings limit once you are collecting benefits before your FRA, and that will be the case until you reach your full retirement age. If you go back to work after you start receiving Social Security benefits and earn more than \$1,520 in any remaining month of 2020, you will not be entitled to benefits for that month.

Starting in 2021, you'll be subject to an annual earnings limit of at least \$18,240 (that's the 2020 limit – limits for future years aren't yet known but will be higher).

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Joey Woodward, of West Warren, learned to ride his bike without training wheels since schools have closed due to efforts to slow COVID-19.



Terry Skaza's grandson, Logan, 2, of Ware, is taking a turn on a motorized toy vehicle.



One of Terry Skaza's older grandsons, is spending more time outside including climbing trees.

Hannaford dedicates shopping hours for vulnerable customers

NORTH BROOKFIELD — Hannaford Supermarkets announced effective Tuesday, March 24 that its stores will offer dedicated shopping hours for people age 60 and older, as well as those with compromised immune systems. Stores will open early from 6 a.m. to 7 a.m. on Tuesday through Thursday to service this vulnerable population and allow a less crowded shopping environment, which enables better social distancing.

In addition, Hannaford shortened its general store-operating hours starting Saturday, March 21, in order to provide for additional time to clean, stock shelves and give associates additional time to rest. The new daily hours are 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

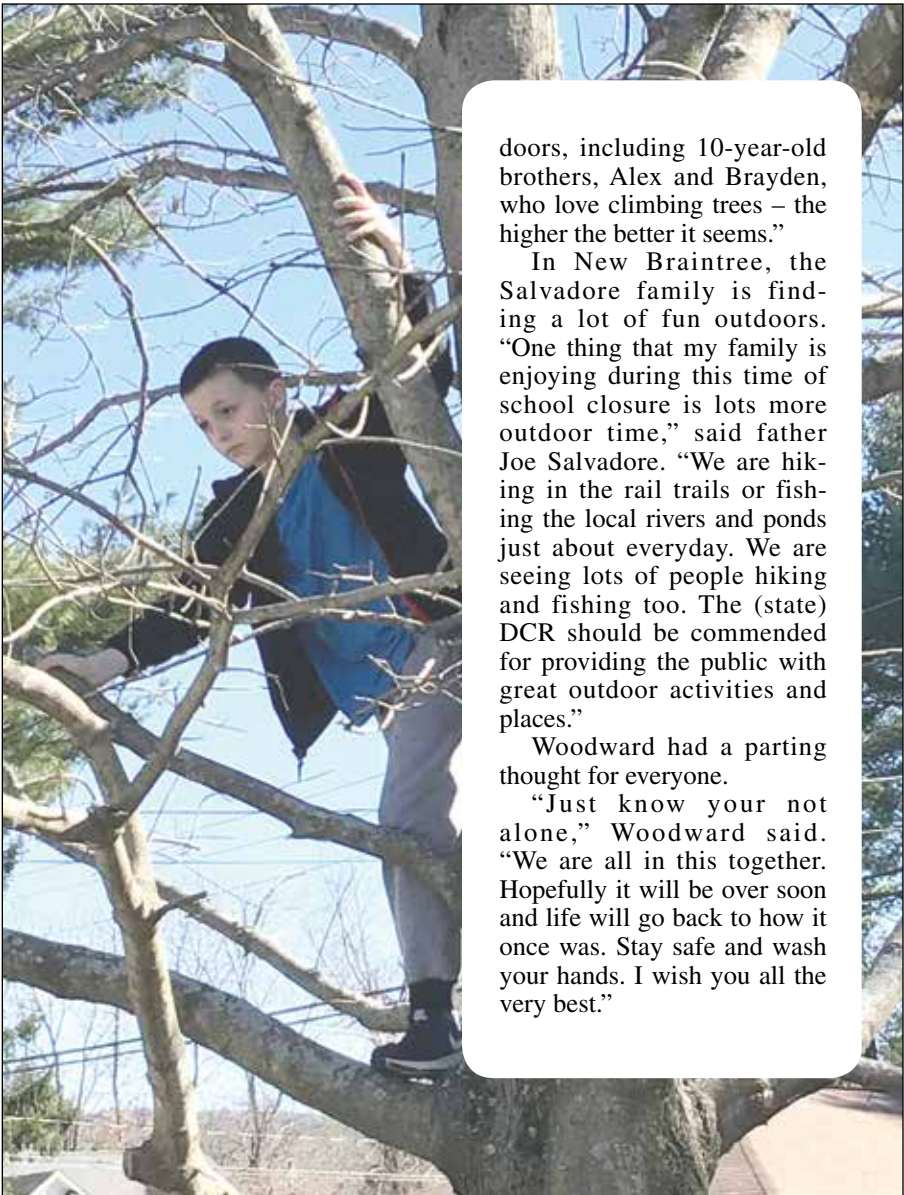
Providing a designated shopping period for seniors and at-risk individuals allows this population to shop prior to other customers being in the store. According to the Centers for Disease Control, people who are 60 and over and those with compromised immune systems are most vulnerable to the COVID-19 virus. Although associates will not be requesting ID for entry, Hannaford urges the community to respect the intention for the early opening.

“In this time of extraordinary circumstances, it is more important than ever to find new ways to better serve our community,” said Ericka Dodge, Hannaford spokesperson. “These new hours will support all our associates and customers, especially those that are most-vulnerable.”

Both efforts are temporary due to the unprecedented demand and resulting need, attributed to the global COVID-19 pandemic. Each will be reviewed and revised as circumstances evolve.

Hannaford Supermarkets, based in Scarborough, Maine, operates 182 stores in the Northeast, including the one in North Brookfield. Stores are located in Maine, New York, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Vermont. Hannaford employs more than 26,000 associates. Additional information can be found at Hannaford.com.

POSTCARDS FROM HOME



doors, including 10-year-old brothers, Alex and Brayden, who love climbing trees – the higher the better it seems.”

In New Braintree, the Salvadore family is finding a lot of fun outdoors. “One thing that my family is enjoying during this time of school closure is lots more outdoor time,” said father Joe Salvadore. “We are hiking in the rail trails or fishing the local rivers and ponds just about everyday. We are seeing lots of people hiking and fishing too. The (state) DCR should be commended for providing the public with great outdoor activities and places.”

Woodward had a parting thought for everyone. “Just know your not alone,” Woodward said. “We are all in this together. Hopefully it will be over soon and life will go back to how it once was. Stay safe and wash your hands. I wish you all the very best.”



Zoey and Ethan Salvadore, of New Braintree, hiked the Quabbin Reservoir with their family.



Ethan Salvadore, of New Braintree, caught a brook trout in Comet Pond when he went fishing with his dad, Joe.

Trustees of the Reservation close its properties

Trustees of the Reservation President and CEO Barbara Erickson announced that the organization has chosen to close all of its 118 properties o March 24 to April 7, which could be extended. This includes the Rock House Reservation in West Brookfield.

“We recognize that many Trustees properties are without gates or barriers and are within safe walking distance from neighbors and others and could be safely visited within the parameters of the Governor’s directive,” she said in a letter to members. “We ask that those who choose to visit those properties at this time, be respectful, follow guidelines about litter, safety, and dog behavior. We understand that these changes will feel dire to many who have come to rely on the daily use and enjoyment of our properties. We ask that everyone comply with the Governor’s orders, that you respect the closures of our properties, and that you keep your families and others safe during this unknown and unpredictable time.”

All staff who are not involved in the care and maintenance of agricultural production and necessary operational care will be at home, she said.

“All gates and parking lots will be closed and we ask the public to respect these barriers,” she said in the note. “The Trustees will continue to operate our agricultural operations in compliance with the guidelines issued for the care and feeding of animals, and the production and distribution of food. Our farm properties will only be available for the pick-up of food products.”

She also acknowledged that its 118 properties had “become sanctuaries for those seeking safe spaces to get out of their homes, to occupy k children and families, to get exercise away from gyms, to spend time with animals, to practice social distancing with acreage to spare.” Memberships and gifts made online on our website, and she said it is working on creating virtual resources that can be enjoyed at home. Please watch out for these resources.

“Thank you for understanding how difficult this decision was,” she wrote. “Once this crisis passes and we receive word from officials that it is again safe to gather, we look forward to welcoming all back to our special places.



One of Terry Skaza's grandsons, of Ware, is spending more time outside, including climbing trees. He can get pretty high in the branches.



Ethan Woodward, of West Warren, has enjoyed walks, good books and movies, years, all feel today unquestionably expired.

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borderlines, a social organization that celebrates individualism, and a cultural lifestyle that worships growth and consumption. All these began to materialize hundreds of

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Exceeding the annual limit will cause Social Security to withhold half of anything you earn over the limit. The limit is more, and the penalty is less in the year you reach your FRA and goes away once you have reached your full retirement age.

Finally, to be sure you’re aware, you can actually defer claiming Social Security until age 70 if you wish. After you reach your full

years, all feel today unquestionably expired. Isolation and social distancing as solidarity practices are saving the many but they are also revealing the most grotesque aspects of nation-states and capitalism. Empires subdued to disease –

retirement age you’ll earn delayed retirement credits (DRCs) of 8 percent per year of delay, which are added to your benefit when you finally claim it. That would give you a benefit which is 29 percent more at age 70 than it would be at your full retirement age.

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sooner or later so will nation-states, so will capitalism.

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Latest school closure threatens cancellation of spring tournaments

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The extended school closure imposed by Gov. Charlie Baker last week has now called into question whether or not school will resume in the 2019-2020 school year, but also whether or not there will even be a shortened regular season for spring sports in 2020.

Numerous schools have students chomping at the bit to get on fields and courts, but the latest closure extension threatens any of that from happening, as well as puts the postseason tournament in serious jeopardy.

MIAA officials and the Board of Directors were scheduled to have another meeting to weigh guidance from the Tournament Management Committee about the prospect of having the tournament.

The current plan was to open up practices for spring sports on Monday, April 27. Games could begin on Monday, May 4.

Last week, Baker announced an extension of the school closure to Monday, May 4. However, depending on how the pandemic numbers shake out, social distancing orders could be lifted sooner. Players could

hit fields before school resumes much like they do during the summertime preparing for fall sports.

While it remains a possibility, the MIAA has not discussed the possibility of the entire spring season being cancelled. However, the board of directors did agree that if spring sports did not begin before April 27, there would be no tournament action.

On March 26, the MIAA described the additional school closure as a fluid situation. The MIAA hopes to provide an update sometime this week.

"Among TMC recommendations to the Board is that if there is a spring season start date of after April 27, there will not be an MIAA tournament," the MIAA website states. "This recommendation, as well as a plan to save a spring season for MIAA student-athletes will be the substance of a March 30 Board meeting."

This recent news from the Governor is surreal. The MIAA will continue to monitor this fluid situation and provide updates regarding spring sports as soon as they are made

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Soltys wins 'Player of the Year' in golf

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

WARE — Last fall, John Soltys helped the Ware Indians golf team capture the Western Mass. Division 3 title for the first time in school history.

At the beginning of March, Soltys, a junior, was named as the

Western Mass. Player of the Year in all Divisions by the Western Mass. golf coaches.

"I didn't know that I was nominated for the Player of the Year award until I attended the golf banquet," Soltys said. "It was an awesome feeling when they announced my name."

The other two candidates for the Player of the Year award were Minnechaug senior Peter Wurst and Southwick sophomore Matt Garrity.

Soltys, who was also selected as the Division 3 Most Valuable Player, won the 2019 Western Mass. Division 3 individual title with a score of 73.

The Indians, who didn't have any seniors on last year's squad, finished in first place at the Western Mass. Division 3 tournament by carding a 330 at the par 71 Agawam Municipal Golf Course in Feeding Hills.

"Being able to win the team title for the first time was the best feeling in the world," said Soltys, who has been a member of the Indians golf team since the seventh grade. "We played very well as a team at the Western Mass. tournament."

The other members of the Ware championship golf team were

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John Soltys, seen here playing basketball during the winter. Soltys was also a part of the Ware golf team, which won the Western Massachusetts Division 3 championship. Soltys was recently chosen as Player of the Year by the Western Mass. golf coaches.



Summer Challenge announced for Thompson Speedway

THOMPSON, Conn. — Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park and Save The Purse jointly announced on Thursday that competitors in the NASCAR Weekly Racing Series Late Model division will have three, 50-lap feature races in 2020 as part of a new Late Model Mid-Summer Challenge.

A group of competitors joined together over the off-season to form Save The Purse, a group that has come up with additional purse money through sponsors and have put it towards these special events. The group is run by recognized racing crew member Brad Martel.

Each of the three events will pay \$2,000 to the winner, \$1,000 for second and \$750 for third. A full purse will be distributed to the top 25 competitors. The races will take place as part of the three standalone NASCAR Weekly Racing Series events scheduled for June 3, July 8 and Aug. 5.

Thompson Speedway is committed to the future of oval track racing and in 2020 has planned a six-race NASCAR schedule. With the addition of a night of double features for all five NASCAR divisions, competitors will have the chance to run seven feature races.

These Late Model special events are going to be a must-watch for all race fans.

"Watching a group of racers come together and come up with funds to increase the purse is something special, and we are happy to work with them," Terry Eames, the General Manager of Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park, said. "We're

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Dextradeur celebrates 40 years of coaching

By Karen A. Lewis
Sports Correspondent

BARRE - Over four decades ago Quabbin boys head basketball coach Dennis Dextradeur made a promise to himself that he'd be still be involved with basketball.

Not only did he keep that promise, after forty years of coaching Quabbin varsity basketball — his first 12 years with the girls' team and the remainder of the 28 with the boys, Dextradeur has created a living legacy within the Panther basketball program.

"Coach is a lifelong learner which has made him a tremendous lifelong teacher of the game," said Quabbin boys' basketball assistant coach Jason Ayer, who has been alongside Dextradeur since 1995. "I have never met a coach more dedicated to the development of athletes. His ability to understand how to mold different personalities, grow individual skill levels and nurture strong relationships with the players have been three pillars of his success. He has always taught his assistants that you can't coach a kid hard until they know you care."

The path Dextradeur traveled from when he pledged to stick with the sport that ultimately became a huge part of his life was an interesting one.

Always a lover of sports — Dextradeur filled his childhood days with neighborhood whiffle ball, basketball at Boys Club and hard ball late in the day.

However, it was basketball that kept his attention and when Dextradeur was cut from Quabbin's high school team as a junior by Coach Mike Dymon, life could have taken a much different course.

"Mike was a master teacher and motivator, I owe so much to his teaching, mentoring and friendship," said Dextradeur, who credits his mother and his father for being great influences. "Without Mike in my life I may have accepted failure and taken a different path."

One thing Dymon did was recognize something in Dextradeur.

"Coach Dymon always supported me and selected me for the physical education award which



ABOVE: Quabbin coach Dennis Dextradeur keeps his eyes on the game as Jared Kendall gets ready to shoot during a contest from the '18-'19 season.

At left: Coach Dennis Dextradeur goes over strategy with his varsity team during a scrimmage in 2018.

meant a great deal to me and impacted positively my decision and college career to study physical education," said Dextradeur, who went on to earn an undergraduate degree in physical education and a master's in exercise science and physiology. "He inspired me to become better and never give up. He made the decision to cut me as a junior and it was the right one. I was not the best skilled player and needed to work harder and better to succeed. I needed to persevere."

Ironically the team Dextradeur was cut from, wound up winning the Wachusett League Championship in 1973, some-

thing that wouldn't happen again for Quabbin for another 22 years until 1995 when Dextradeur was at the helm as their coach.

"That team was outstanding that year (1972-73), many of those players are still today my closest friends," stated Dextradeur. "I made a promise to myself I would still be playing when none of them were any longer. It wasn't that I was jealous or angry, it was just a promise that I made to myself that I needed to keep. I was instilled with the value to never blame anyone else. Do your best, and if that wasn't good enough, then do it again a second time, and then again

and again."

One of the absolute worst part of coaching for Dextradeur is having to make cuts.

"I always want them back better, so never accept it and endeavor to persevere," Dextradeur said. "That's how I coped with my experience. I try to teach that way."

Forever a Panther, Dextradeur had the opportunity to student teach in 1980 under science department chair Maureen Marshall, who eventually became the superintendent, and physical education chair Dymon. The same year he applied for the freshman boys' basketball coaching job.

Principal Leo Sullivan and athletic director Mike Staiti instead both offered the role of rebuilding the girls basketball program and the varsity coaching job to Dextradeur.

"They convinced Mike Dymon, my former teacher and mentor, to coach the girls' junior varsity team," remarked Dextradeur. "Now my high school coach is coaching under me. It was the beginning of my internship, but I never knew it at the time. I had a safety net in cases where I might fail as a young coach — and a mentor to coach the coach, you might say."

The dozen years with the girls proved successful, and eventually it was time for Dextradeur to take on new challenges when the boys varsity job opened up.

"Interestingly, one begins to build relationships and those special bonds and relationships are what makes teaching and coaching so rewarding and fulfilling," said Dextradeur, who went on to teach physical education at Quabbin until his retirement from the classroom several years ago. "And coaching is teaching. As I stayed longer, I began to appreciate and be so grateful for the student-athletes I had the privilege of knowing and leading. Now so many are coaching with me in our program or coaching a program of their own. Five of my assistants have advanced to become varsity head coaches."

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Avard to lead Valley Blue Sox

HOLYOKE — Blue Sox President Fred Ciaglo announced today the hiring of Kate Avard and the team's new General Manager.

Avard, 22, will be returning to the Blue Sox organization after interning with the team during the 2016 season.

The Easthampton, MA native, originally from Holyoke, is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts Amherst where she earned a B.S. degree in Sport Management from the Isenberg School of Management and a B.S. degree studying kinesiology from the School of Public Health and Health Sciences.

"We're very excited to appoint Kate as our new General Manager," said Ciaglo. "Having previously served as one of our interns, she knows the culture and community-oriented mission of our organization. Given her education in sport management, Kate will bring strong business fundamentals, creativity and a passion for baseball to the Blue Sox front office."

While at UMass Amherst, Avard served as the Intramural Special Events Assistant and held multiple internships within the Athletic Department. After graduating from UMass Amherst, Avard enrolled in graduate courses studying athletic training and emergency medicine at Boston University.

Avard is eager to return to

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education

Quaboag Regional Middle High School second term honor roll

WARREN – Quaboag Regional Middle High School rekeased its second term honor roll.

FIRST HONORS

Gabrielle Mary Susan Goddu, Kaylee Eve Armitage, Dante Francis Brodeur, Isabella Marie Clowes, Sarah Elizabeth Delmonte, Adeline May Ford, Kaitlyn Judith Howard, Ailin Carnegie, Jack Cassandra, Elizabeth O’Shea, Emily Lynne Pease, Tyler Scot Bond, Sadie Rane Bridges, Joshua Allen Gray, Matthew Scott Griffing, Lauren Lee Kimball, Hannah Elisabeth Kitch, Hannah Leah Martin, Joshua Robert Richards, Sarah Rose Rimmer, Sophia Lucille Rimmer, Cassidy Deborah Silva, Andrew Daniel Sweet, Alyssa Katherine Abbe, Emma Elizabeth Aberle, Elias William Berthel, Riley Alexander Como, Julissa Vanny Mk De Leon, Ava Elizabeth Paradis, Grace Karthryn Schmidt, Joline Elise Wheeler, Brendan Patrick Burke, Phoebe Jane Clowes, Cadel Tyler Courtney, Elizabeth Joan Czaja, Luisa Adilanie Feeney, Katelyn Marie Fountain, Alexandra Anne Garrand, Grace Elizabeth Hannah, Emily Ann Hunkins, Josephine Grace Landon, Layden Elise Lourake, Adrik Paul Matys, Victoria Elaine Morgan, Bryan Joseph Para, Angelina Marie Paradis, Wylliam Arthur Pennington-Russell, Cody Hunter Perron, Chase Robert Potvin, Jolie Rose Pytel, Joseph Jame Quinn, Isabelle Marie Russell, Riley Michael Vuelta and Ryan Scott Wilson.

SECOND HONORS

Adam Michael Boaske, Melanie Nicole Como, Jordan Alexandra D’Angelo, Kiarra Rose Dorman, Peyton Alexia Fellmeth, Justin Erik Howard, Kailee Maureen Lindholm, Alexis Marie Olearczyk, Vanessa Louise Ricci, Thomas David Snow, Kyle Montgomery Weller, Evan Scott Allen, Paisleigh Grace Atwood, Ania Louise Bolaske, Elizabeth Faylene Chambers, Megan Grace Courtney, Cole Xander Crosby, Kirah Dawn Czub, Brett Charles Dowgielewicz, Caitlyn Elizabeth Fox, Emily rose Gibeault, Jordyn Anne Janosz, Cabot Brian Lacey, Zowie Elizabeth

LaFlash, Christopher John Laprade, Austin Kane Lourake, Molly Jo Miarecki, Kassidy Jara Neilsen, Madeline Isabella Nemeroff, Sarah Rose Niedzialkoski, Patrick Mark O’Donnell, Grace Marie Ortiz, Alyssa Jane Ricci, Ryan Joseph Seeton, Darian Lynn Shepherd, Aimee Caroline Stolgitis, Bethany Noelle Vogel, Jenna Nicole Wade, Andrew Spencer Araujo, Miranda Gabriel Bartley, Alexander Carter David, Tyler Brice Curtis, Lauren Alexis Gassnola, Zoe Jessica Harder, Ainslie Carol Laffko, Sydney Rose LaRocque, Emma Anne McGinty, Joshua Glen Rivera, Derrick Alan Shepherd, Brandon George Allen, Veronica Leigh Beauregard, Arianna Belen, Jakob Allan Paul Bond , Carly Marie Boucher, Preston Allan Clowes, Declan James Flood, Andrew Henry Gagnon, Kiara Ashanti Gauthier, Madison Lee Gray, Zhoe Isabelle Guidetti, Madelynn Ann Marie Huard, Gage Willem Lane, Hannah Rose Manzano, Ariana Jane Masterjohn, Aja Noelle Mercer, Gabriel Ronald Paquette, Mya May Perez, Nathaniel Robert Rimmer, Charles Robert Schwenker and Megan Riley Shea.

THIRD HONORS

Nathaniel Garcia Easton, Jordan Tyler Floria, Brendan Samuel Gillette, Kaitlyn Robyn Katsoulis, Olivia Frances LaRocco, Makenzie Jacqueline Messier, Logan Makai Silva, Abigail Susan Bourchard, Julianna Laura Goulet, Kylee Rose Julian, Deanna Lynn Kearns, Grace Ann Kelley, Daniel Forest Mazzaresse, Arianna Marie Odell, Christopher Francis Paquette, Ethan Gregory Richards, Nicholas Robert Robbins, Jessica Emily Tetreault, Sierra Jade Cromack, Anjolina Claire Fantaroni, Samantha Jeanne Ford, Jakob Patrick Geer, Aniah Harris, Kiely Eileen Horner, Kendal An Langley, Andrea Alejandra Melendez-Rojas, Kasidee Molly Nichols, Ezekiel Andrew Powers, Alexis Kasie Thayer, Jordan Louis Torres, Hailey Marie Whitney, Olivia Lillian Bagg, Shianne Carly Bateman, Paige Mary Dion, Kacie Grace Horner, Tristan Russell Mauro, Joseph Cadon Novak and Owen Thomas Ryan.

District to shift to full instruction April 6

Enrichment to be replaced by new material

By Eileen Kennedy
Staff writer

WARE – School Superintendent Dr. Marlene DiLeo updated parents and students on the district’s website with a video letting them know teachers will switch on Monday, April 6, from enrichment and skill-building activities to a “deeper dive into standards already taught.”

She said with Gov. Charlie Baker’s extension of the stay-at-home order until May 4, it was important for teachers to start working on exploring already

taught subjects more deeply and to introduce new materials through remote learning.

“There has to be a change of mindset as we navigate these waters,” she said. “Students have to be mindful that they need to spend the time needed to engage with their teachers.”

She said Comcast, in light of the COVID-19 crisis, is offering low-income families two months of free Internet service for \$9.95 a month plus tax. Other rules and qualifications around the service can be found on the district website at wareps.org. It is necessary to apply for it by April 30. She said she has also put flyers in the grab and go meals parents are receiving at the schools.

She urged everyone to practice patience. “We have to shift our way of thinking and take what lit-

tle opportunities it has afforded us,” she said of the stay-at-home order,” she said. “It will not be business as usual as we work to provide educational opportunities for all.”

She said report cards were determined based on what had been accomplished by March 13, the last day school was in session and will be available beginning Friday, April 3. Parents can access them on the district website through iparent, and if they’re not signed up for it they can do so on the website. If they are unable to do that they can call 413-967-4271 for alternate arrangements to access the report cards.

“We need to make the best of the situation,” she said, urging all to follow the recommendations on staying at home, keeping the proper social distance and stay safe.



Turley Publications courtesy photo
Ware School Superintendent Dr. Marlene DiLeo gives a video update on the district website letting parents know that on Monday, April 6, teachers will switch from enrichment activities to deeper dives on existing material and presentation of new material.

Cornerstone Bank donates to StandUp for Kids



Shown from left are Worcester Chapter of StandUp for Kids Co-Executive Director Donna Katsoudas and Cornerstone Bank President and Treasurer and Chairman of the Bank’s Charitable Donations Committee Todd M. Tallman.

WORCESTER – Cornerstone Bank recently made a \$1,000 donation to the Worcester chapter of StandUp for Kids, an organization whose mission is to end youth homelessness.

The bBank’s donation will be used for youth services provided by the organization. These services include things such as bus passes, meals, hygiene items, ID fees, testing and training fees, clothing for interviews, pantry items, etc.

StandUp for Kids is a national nonprofit organization that strives to provide life-saving and outreach services to homeless and at-risk youth. They support and guide them by providing counseling, mentoring, and life-skills training. The organization, run almost entirely by volunteers, has local programs in many states across the country.

“StandUp for Kids has always played an important role in our

community,” said Cornerstone Bank President & Treasurer and Chairman of the Bank’s Charitable Donations Committee Todd M. Tallman. “We are pleased to support this organization and their mission to end youth homelessness and improve the lives of children.”

To learn more about the Worcester chapter of StandUp for Kids or to become a volunteer, people may visit them online at www.standupforkids.org/worcester or by calling 508-963-5576.

Cornerstone Bank is an independent, mutual savings bank serving the residents, businesses, and communities throughout Central Massachusetts from offices in Warren, Sturbridge, Charlton, Holden, Leicester, Rutland, Southbridge, Spencer, Webster and Worcester along with a Loan Center in Westborough.

Valley Wheel Baseball looking for new players

REGION – The Valley Wheel Over-30 Baseball League is seeking new players for the upcoming 2020 season, which is set to begin near the end of April. The league is seeking players ages 28 and up. Players turning 28 this year are eligible. However, only players 30 and older can pitch. The league plays 15 regular season games with games being held mostly on Sundays with a couple of weekday games thrown in the mix as well as a special Mother’s Day Saturday game in early May. The league is built on comradery, fair play, and having a good time with friends. If interested in trying out, go to www.valleywheelbaseball.com. The rules of the league and new player forms can be found on the site. For further information, you can contact the league’s commissioner, Jim Nason at wheel12@comcast.net or call him at (413) 433-4308. Tryouts will be taking place in the early weeks of April, weather permitting, with a draft following the tryouts.

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MacKenzie Stadium and expand her role with the organization.

“Growing up in Holyoke, I attended many Holyoke Giants games, then later Blue Sox games, with my family which is where I fell in love with the sport of baseball,” said Avard. I later interned with the team and saw firsthand the positive influence the team had on the local families and local community, similar to what I had personally experienced growing up,” she added.

“The Blue Sox reputation has grown tremendously over the past few years, making the team a staple throughout Western Mass, said Avard. “Stepping into the role of General Manager, I hope I am able to build upon the relationship the organization has with the community and grow the team in the coming years.”

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looking forward to watching competitors race for this extra purse money while running some extra laps. Fans won’t want to miss these special events.”

“We were determined to come up with the best possible solution to increase the purse value at Thompson in 2020,” Brad Martel, the Director of Save The Purse, said. “We’re looking forward to watching a competitive division competed in double their normal distance for some extra cash.”

Sponsors included in the Mid-Summer Classic will be announced later. As part of these special night events, the NASCAR Weekly Racing

Series Sunoco Modifieds, SK Light Modifieds, Limited Sportsman and Mini Stocks will join the action.

Thompson Speedway also runs in the Late Model program under American Canadian Tour rules, and in 2020, will also be part of the New England Late Model Challenge Cup. Thompson is one of five tracks in the program – one that will have all scheduled weekly Late Model events eligible to receive points towards winning the Cup. ACT will take the 10 best finishes for each registered driver across all five tracks and count it towards the drivers totals, with a special points system in place based on a driver’s feature finishes and event

car counts, with bonus points for wins and cars passed. With the three events paying additional purse, these could be races that drivers across New England elect to attend to earn crucial points.

With COVID-19 sweeping through the United States, Thompson officials have been forced to update the 2020 schedule. Currently, the 46th annual Icebreaker presented by Liquid Death is tentatively scheduled for May 15-16. A full schedule of postponed events will be released later.

For more information on Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park, visit thompson-speedway.com and follow the track on social media.

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sophomore Andrew Bonnayer, sophomore Michael Polak, sophomore Doug Mulligan, freshman Ethan Flamand, freshman Mason Harper, freshman Chris Vadnais, freshman Owen Welsh, eighth grader Jake Riethle, and eighth grader Josh Mulligan.

Mike Bernier has been coaching the Ware golf team for the past 20 years.

“We really enjoy having coach Bernier as our golf coach,” Soltys said. “He makes playing golf a lot of fun for us.”

The Indians, who also won the Bi-County East league title for the second year in a row, finished

the 2019 regular season with a 13-1 overall record. Cold Springs Country Club in Belchertown was the Indians new home course last year.

“It was a very memorable season for me and my teammates on the golf team,” Soltys said. “When I first joined the team, we only won a couple of matches. We have worked very hard during the past couple of years. We also know the game of golf a lot better now. Being a member of this team has been a lot of fun.”

Soltys, who was the Indians tri-captain, along with Doug Mulligan and Bonnayer, was a member of the Indians boys’ varsity basketball team this past winter. He’s planning to play for the

Indians varsity baseball team this spring.

The Indians golf team also competed at the Division 3 state tournament, which was held at the Cranberry Valley Golf Course in Harwich.

“We only had one practice round before playing in the state tournament because of the weather,” Soltys said. “It was a brand new experience for us, but it was still a lot of fun. We’re looking forward to playing in the state tournament again next year.”

With the same group of golfers returning next year, the Indians should be one of the favorites to capture another Western Mass. Division 3 title.

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One of Dextradeur’s former players Griffin Bennett, has been one of his assistants for the last five years, starting the year after he graduated.

“Dex as a coach is someone who brings out the best in his players, he always knows how hard he has to push to get the best out of them,” said Bennett, who played all four years of high school, as well as AAU basketball and on an international team that played in Scotland, all with Dextradeur as his coach. “He knows the players better than they know themselves in a lot of aspects of basketball, and he knows how to utilize each person to the best of their ability.”

“Dex as a person is one of the most caring people I have ever met,” continued Bennett. “He has brought me all over playing basketball, and as much as he taught me on the court, he has opened up many doors for me personally, professionally and really helped me grow into the person I am today.”

Although there were numerous memories of Dextradeur regarding basketball, one in particular for Bennett was when he was a junior, hitting a game tying free throw and stealing an inbound pass to win the game against Marlboro.

“After the game in the meeting with our team, Dex told me

the reason I was able to make that free throw was because I missed the potential game winning free throw in the Clark Tournament Championship the season before,” said Bennett. “He told the team, to win in big situations, you have to lose in big situations, and that was a comment that has always stuck with me – sometimes you have to fail to succeed.”

Quabbin athletic director Mark Miville has only known Dextradeur personally for the five years he has been with the school, but had always known of Dextradeur with the stellar reputation he has earned.

“Dex is still coaching because he still can do it and does it at a high level,” said Miville. “He is always evolving with the game and today’s athlete. My biggest impression of him is that he cares. He empowers the upperclassmen to be leaders and control their own destiny through hard work.”

Miville estimates Dextradeur’s record reaches over 450 wins (with the official records locked in his office during quarantine),

but if you were to ask anyone, it’s not about the wins for the coach – although over Dextradeur’s career, his teams and staff have earned seven Mid-Wach League Championships, two Central Mass. District titles, were a state championship finalist, and have won three Clark Tournaments.

Dextradeur has also coached seven USA teams over in Europe, watched 17 players continue basketball in college and coached eight of the ten 1,000-point scorers in Quabbin’s history.

But at the end of the day, for Dextradeur, it all comes down to the team, the coaches and the family they become when they sign up for the basketball journey.

“They know we are all one family and will be treated that way and always welcomed back as family,” concluded Dextradeur. “I enjoyed a better career playing basketball beyond high school than during it because I persevered. That is a lesson plan I try to instill in everyone that comes out to play this game.”



And oldie but a goodie picture of Dennis Dextradeur, who celebrated his 40th season of coaching basketball for Quabbin Regional High School this past winter.

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available. Thank you all for your flexibility, understanding and patience. Support and guidance to our schools, student-athletes and to you, our membership, is priority during this uncertain time.

The spring season has been delayed in the past due to late winter snow that specifically shuts down baseball and softball games till the second or even third week of April. But there has never been a

shutdown of action this lengthy.

However, last year, constant rain did wreak havoc on the regular season. In all there was a week of delay to start the season, plus more than a dozen full-fledged rain days that postponed action throughout the spring and resulted in an additional week being added to the regular season.

If spring sports are able to commence on April 27, the regular season would be extended out until June 10, with playoffs to follow in

the two weeks after that.

The spring season includes the most number of sports played in the least period of time, usually about eight weeks. Spring sports include: Baseball, softball, boys lacrosse, girls lacrosse, girls track, boys track, boys tennis, girls tennis, and boys volleyball.

Athletes have been shut down since March 10 during the state tournament week. Spring practices never happened.

Ware Police Log

Wednesday, March 18
11:24 a.m. Trash Dumping Complaint Barnes Street - Services Rendered
1:43 p.m. Fraud Osborne Road - Services Rendered
2:11 p.m. Trash Dumping Complaint North Street - Services Rendered
6:55 p.m. Loitering Church Street - Area Searched Negative Find
7:29 p.m. Suspicious Activity/ Person Osborne Road - Area Searched Negative Find
11:35 p.m. Ambulance Request Highland Village - Referred to Other Agency

Thursday, March 19
7:30 a.m. Larceny, Theft Report Church Street - Services Rendered
9:33 a.m. Abandoned, 911 Call Shady Path - Services Rendered
10:02 a.m. Landlord/Tenant Dispute West Main Street - Services Rendered
10:46 a.m. Ambulance Request Chestnut Street - Services Rendered
10:49 a.m. Alarm Burglar Fisherdict Road - Services Rendered
11:04 a.m. Larceny, Theft Report West Street - Investigation Pending
12:12 p.m. Fraud North Street - Services Rendered
1:24 p.m. Accident, Vehicle Palmer Road - Services Rendered
2:04 p.m. Alarm Burglar Main Street - Services Rendered
2:55 p.m. Ambulance Request Valley View - Services Rendered
2:57 p.m. Ambulance Request Valley View - Services Rendered
3:39 p.m. Alarm Burglar West Street - Services Rendered

Friday, March 20
5:56 a.m. Silent, 911 Call North Street - Services Rendered
6:16 a.m. Ambulance Request Anderson Road - Referred to Other Agency
6:27 a.m. Abandoned, 911 Call Wheeler Road - No Police Service Necessary
10:01 a.m. Fraud Elm Street - Services Rendered
1:32 p.m. Harassment Complaint North Street - Services Rendered
1:32 p.m. Ambulance Request West Street - Services Rendered
3:11 p.m. Ambulance Request

Hillside Village - Services Rendered
5:14 p.m. Suspicious Activity/ Person Parker Street - Services Rendered
5:18 p.m. Suspicious Activity/ Person Aspen Street - Services Rendered
6 p.m. Harassment Complaint Hillside Village - No Police Service Necessary
6:36 p.m. Ambulance Request Pleasant Street - Investigation Pending
7:48 p.m. Ambulance Request Malboeuf Road - Services Rendered
8:57 p.m. Assist Other Agency South Street - Arrest, Misdemeanor Charge
9:30 p.m. Suspicious Activity/ Person Pleasant Street - Unfounded Complaint
10:23 p.m. Suspicious Activity/ Person North Street - Services Rendered
11:10 p.m. Suspicious Activity/ Person West Street - Services Rendered

Saturday, March 21
12:26 a.m. Alarm Burglar Pleasant Street - Services Rendered
4:32 a.m. Ambulance Request Hillside Village - Referred to Other Agency
5:09 a.m. Ambulance Request West Street - Services Rendered
7:57 a.m. Disturbance Monson Turnpike Road - Unfounded Complaint
10:12 a.m. Harassment Complaint Cottage Street - Services Rendered
10:44 a.m. Ambulance Request Old Poor Farm Road - Referred to Other Agency
12:13 p.m. Stolen Vehicle Report Fisherdict Road - Services Rendered
1:29 p.m. Erratic Operator Complaint Belchertown Road - Citation Issued
3:22 p.m. Abandoned Vehicle Upper Church Street - Services Rendered
4:48 p.m. Suspicious Activity/ Person Coffey Hill Road - Services Rendered
5:17 p.m. Ambulance Request Palmer Road - Services Rendered
5:20 p.m. Erratic Operator Complaint Belchertown Road - Referred to Other Agency
8:07 p.m. Ambulance Request

Cottage Street - Services Rendered

Sunday, March 22
1:40 p.m. Accident (Hit and Run) West Main Street - Investigated, Report Filed
2:14 p.m. Ambulance Request Milner Street - Referred to Other Agency
3:19 p.m. Accident, Vehicle Bondsville Road - Investigated, Report Filed
5:01 p.m. Disturbance West Street - Investigated, Report Filed
11:57 p.m. Ambulance Request South Street - Services Rendered

Monday, March 23
1:04 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Street - Written Warning
2:02 a.m. Ambulance Request Highland Village - Services Rendered
10:42 a.m. Accident, Vehicle Plamer Road - Motor Vehicle Accident Over \$1,000
2:01 p.m. Summons Service Gilbertville Road - Summons Served
4:48 p.m. Ambulance Request Cherry Street - Investigated, Report Filed
6:32 p.m. Neighbor Dispute Aspen Street - Services Rendered

Tuesday, March 24
12:01 a.m. Accident, Vehicle South Street - Motor Vehicle Accident Over \$1,000
4:39 a.m. Harassment Complaint Cottage Street - Services Rendered
11:25 a.m. Accident, Vehicle East Street - Motor Vehicle Accident Over \$1,000
2:29 p.m. Alarm Burglar Church Street - Services Rendered
3:06 p.m. Fraud West Main Street - Services Rendered
5:52 p.m. Alarm Burglar Church Street - No Police Service Necessary

Wednesday, March 25
10:38 a.m. Fire, Report Greenwich Plains Road - Services Rendered
11:41 a.m. Suspicious Activity/ Person Coffey Hill Road - Area Searched Negative Find
2:52 p.m. Ambulance Request Monson Turnpike Road - Services Rendered

2:54 p.m. Ambulance Request Monson Turnpike Road - Services Rendered
7:46 p.m. Shoplifting West Street - Investigation Pending
7:58 p.m. Ambulance Request Otis Avenue - Referred to Other Agency
8:44 p.m. Suspicious Activity/ Person Palmer Road - Services Rendered
10:15 p.m. Ambulance Request Sherwin Street - Investigated, Report Filed

Thursday, March 26
5:06 a.m. Ambulance Request Wildflower Drive - Services Rendered
1:34 p.m. Suspicious Activity/ Person Main Street - Referred to Other Agency
6:39 p.m. Vandalism West Street - Investigated, Report Filed
7:57 p.m. Fraud Park Hill Avenue - Services Rendered

Friday, March 27
12:29 a.m. Suspicious Activity/ Person Highland Village - Area Searched Negative Find
1:49 p.m. Silent, 911 Call Gould Road - Services Rendered
3:19 p.m. Trespassing Complaint Beaver Lake Road - Services Rendered
3:49 p.m. Harassment Complaint Otis Avenue - Services Rendered
5:35 p.m. Hang-up, 911 Call Old Poor Farm Road - Services Rendered
8:44 p.m. Fire, Report Church Street - Referred to Other Agency

Saturday, March 28
1:43 a.m. Alarm Burglar West Street - Services Rendered
2:01 a.m. Alarm Burglar West Street - Services Rendered
9:59 a.m. Ambulance Request Hardwick Pond Road - Services Rendered
11:26 a.m. Alarm Panic Church Street - Services Rendered
12:32 p.m. Summons Service Monson Turnpike Road - Summons Served
12:34 p.m. Alarm Burglar Pleasant Street - Services Rendered
12:37 p.m. Summons Service Monson Turnpike Road - Summons Served
12:55 p.m. Summons Service

Editor's Note: People in this country are presumed to be innocent until found guilty in a court of law. Police provide us with the information you read on this page as public record information. If you or any suspect listed here is found not guilty or has charges dropped or reduced, we will gladly print that information as a follow-up upon being presented with documented proof of the court's final disposition.

Park Street - Unable to Serve Summons
5:12 p.m. Ambulance Request Hillside Village - Referred to Other Agency
9:26 p.m. Ambulance Request Hillside Village - Services Rendered

Sunday, March 29
4:53 a.m. Disturbance West Main Street - Investigation Pending
11:54 a.m. Ambulance Request Highland Village - Referred to Other Agency
6 p.m. Ambulance Request Hillside Village - Services Rendered
10:44 p.m. Ambulance Request Highland Village - Referred to Other Agency

Monday, March 30
1:24 p.m. Ambulance Request West Street - Services Rendered
3:25 p.m. Weapons Violations Fisherdict Road - Area Searched Negative Find
3:47 p.m. Suspicious Activity/ Person East Street - Investigation Pending
6:21 p.m. Trash Dumping Complaint Babcock Tavern Road - Services Rendered
9:50 p.m. Missing Person Gilbert Court - Services Rendered

Tuesday, March 31
5:12 a.m. Vandalism Babcock Tavern Road - Investigation Pending
12:37 p.m. Ambulance Request Hillside Village - Services Rendered
11:22 p.m. Ambulance Request North Street - Referred to Other Agency

Wednesday, April 1
7 a.m. Alarm Burglar West Street - Services Rendered

Warren Police Log

Sunday, March 22
7:14 a.m. Unattended Death North Street – Report Filed
5:02 p.m. Disturbance, Person(s) Coy Hill Road – Negative Contact
7:24 p.m. Follow-up Investigation Washington Street – Officer Spoke to Party
11:40 p.m. Threats Crescent Street – Officer Spoke to Party

Monday, March 23
2:44 a.m. 911 Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent Devils Lane – Confirmed Misdial
10:24 a.m. 911 Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent Nelligan Terrace – Information Taken
11:10 a.m. Police Investigations Pulaski Street – Investigated
1:12 p.m. Citizen Assist Ramsdell Street – Officer Spoke to Party
6:25 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident Personal Injury Main Street – Vehicle Towed

Tuesday, March 24
12:42 a.m. Parking Violation Pleasant Street – Parking Citation Issued
12:43 a.m. Parking Violation Pleasant Street – Parking Citation Issued
1:41 p.m. Officer Wanted Bridge Street – Officer Spoke to Party
5:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Southbridge Road – Written Warning
6:07 p.m. 911 Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent Crescent Street – Services Rendered

8:53 p.m. Disturbance, Noise Complaint Summer Street – Criminal Complaint
9:30 p.m. Suspicious Activity South Street – Investigated

Wednesday, March 25
1:54 a.m. 911 Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent Mapping Warren – Confirmed Misdial
9:48 a.m. Larceny Attempt Pulaski Street – Investigated
Summons: Shane E. Logan, 44, Warren
Larceny from Building; Breaking and Entering Building Nighttime for Felony; Breaking and Entering Building Daytime for Felony; Malicious Property Damage; Larceny from Building; Trespass
Summons: Nathaniel J. Lourake, 40, Warren
Larceny from Building; Breaking and Entering Commercial Building at Night; Enter Dwelling at Night for Felony; Number Plate Violation; Inspection/Sticker, No; Number Plate Violation to Conceal ID; Property Damage
10:57 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident Hit and Run Little Rest Road – Report Filed
1:12 p.m. Fire, Illegal Burn Brimfield Road – Officer Spoke to Party
1:34 p.m. Fire, Explosion Southbridge Road – Unfounded
4:02 p.m. 911 Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent Gilbertville Road – Confirmed Misdial
6:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle Suspicious Southbridge Road –

Officer Spoke to Party
7:51 p.m. 911 Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent Cottage Street – Unfounded
8 p.m. Suspicious Activity Brimfield Road – Report Filed
8:19 p.m. Suspicious Activity Cottage Street – Negative Contact
10:14 p.m. 911 Transfer West Brookfield – Call Transferred

Thursday, March 26
10:55 a.m. 911 Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent Chapel Street – No Action Required
3:07 p.m. Wires Down Burbank Avenue – Removed Hazard
4:39 p.m. Welfare Check School House Drive – Officer Spoke to Party
11:19 p.m. Disturbance, Person(s) Pleasant Street – Officer Spoke to Party

Friday, March 27
2:30 a.m. Officer Wanted Comins Pond Road – Located/Found
9:56 a.m. 911 Transfer Mass Pike – Call Transferred
12:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident Hit and Run Main Street – Investigated
8:05 p.m. Officer Wanted O’Neil Road – Officer Spoke to Party

Saturday, March 28
2:47 p.m. Complaint Keys Road – Officer Spoke to Party

Sunday, March 29
2:07 a.m. Disturbance, Person(s) Mill Street – Officer Spoke to Party

New Braintree Police Log

Monday, March 23
10:28 a.m. 911 – Disabled Motor Vehicle Barr Road – Services Rendered

Tuesday, March 24
1:10 p.m. 911 – Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations West Brookfield Road – Negative Contact

Wednesday, March 25
6:27 p.m. 911 – Suspicious

Activity Webb Road – Investigated
7:14 p.m. 911 – Hang-up Call West Brookfield Road – Could Not Locate

Thursday, March 26
8:42 a.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Barre Road – Transported to Hospital
9:11 p.m. 911 – Burglary (Breaking and Entering) Hardwick

Road – Investigated
Saturday, March 28
11:12 a.m. 911 – Fire, Brush Hardwick Road – Extinguished

Sunday, March 29
4:09 p.m. 911 – Misdial Harrington Road – Investigated

Hardwick Police Log

Monday, March 23
12:29 p.m. 911 – Misdial Mellon Road – Spoken To
4 p.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Bridge Street – Transported to Hospital
7:32 p.m. 911 – Gun Shots Barre Road – Unfounded
9:37 p.m. 911 – Motor Vehicle Accident Barre Road – Report Taken

Tuesday, March 24
8:20 a.m. 911- Medical Emergency Barre Road – Transported to Hospital
8:58 a.m. Phone – Alarm Spring Street – Services Rendered
9:28 a.m. 911 – Misdial Mellon Road – Dispatch Handled
10:29 a.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Church Lane – Transported to Hospital
3:56 p.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Main Street – Transported to Hospital

DA said all emergency restraining, harassing order case will be heard

NORTHAMPTON – The Office of Northwestern District Attorney wishes to inform residents that emergency restraining and harassment order cases will still be heard despite court closures.

Judge Paul C. Dawley, chief justice of the District Court, has issued a standing order to hear emergency cases via telephone or video conferencing until at least April 6.

Victims of intimate partner violence are often isolated and live with the risk of abuse on a daily basis.

“With this pandemic necessitating people to distance themselves and remain at home, the isolation is even greater,” said Mary Kociela, director of Domestic and Sexual Violence Programs for the NWDA.

“We are concerned and want

victims to know that they can call our office, your local police department or local hotlines (numbers below), if they are in danger or would like to file for a restraining order,” Kociela said.

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“Going to the courthouse can often be dangerous for victims even without these circumstances, Kociela said. “The court order allowing restraining orders by phone is a great way to help protect victims.”

For more information about harassment and restraining orders as well as domestic violence resources, please refer to our website at <https://www.northwesternda.org/domestic-violence>.

RMV to strictly enforce no walk-in policy

Only eight service centers are open

BOSTON – Effective Friday, March 27, the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles will be enforcing a strict no walk-in policy at its eight Service Centers open to the general public. The only transactions that will be processed at service centers are those that require an in-person transaction, including Commercial Driving Licenses or Permits (CDLs / CLPs), some new registrations, out of state conversions and new Mass IDs.

Customers who need to complete these transactions will be required to make an online appointment reservation, and customers arriving without an appointment will be asked to leave and make an appointment online to return at a future date.

Appointment reservations can be made online at www.Mass.Gov/RMV in the myRMV Online Service Center under “Make or Cancel a Reservation.” Customers who make an appointment will be sent a confirmation email that they should be prepared to show on arrival at their designated time at a specific Service Center.

The RMV offers many services online, including renewing motor vehicle registrations, and customers needing these services will only be serviced online at this time. If the service can be completed online, the RMV will not process the transaction in a service center. Renewals for standard driver’s license and ID credentials can be performed online at www.Mass.Gov/RMV along with more than 40 other transactions that can be conducted online, over the phone, or by mail.

As a reminder, the RMV has already suspended knowledge/ written exams and road tests for non-commercial (Class D and Class M) learner’s permits. In addition, the federal government’s REAL ID compliance deadline has been postponed, and is now next year, in October 2021. For this reason, the RMV has suspended at this time the issuance of new REAL IDs.

60-Day Extension of Commercial and Non-Commercial Credentials: All Class D, Class M and Class DM driver’s licenses, ID cards, Learners’ Permits, and commercial driver’s licenses and permits (CDLs / CLPs) with an expiration date between March 1, 2020 and April 30, 2020, have had a 60-day extension applied to their credential, with the exception of customers whose end of stay in the United States is the same as the expiration date on their driver’s license, ID card or Learner’s Permit. Customers eligible for these extensions should wait to visit an RMV Service Center to renew until after the State of Emergency has concluded. CDL Medical Certificates (Med Certs) expiring after March 1 will also have a 60-day extension applied to prevent license downgrades and elective medical visits, as well as alleviate demand on medical providers, during the State of Emergency.

Commercial (CDL / CLP) Transactions and Suspension Hearings

The Milford and Wilmington RMV Service Centers will remain open to exclusively perform walk-in commercial transactions for CDLs and permits (CLPs), and CDL road tests continue to be administered.

Customers may continue to request suspension hearings by visiting a RMV Service Center in-person on a first-come, first-served basis, but under new protocols, customers will be required to submit their application and all required, supporting documentation depending on the type of suspension, before leaving and having a Hearings Officer call the customer directly to conduct their suspension hearing by phone.

Some suspended customers may already be able to complete the reinstatement process and payment online if all other outstanding requirements have been satisfied by visiting www.Mass.Gov/RMV and selecting “Pay my Reinstatement Fees.”

Hearings are being conducted at Boston/Haymarket, Brockton, Fall River, Lawrence, Springfield and Worcester. Hearings at the Pittsfield RMV occur weekly on Wednesdays and no hearings are conducted in Plymouth. Chemical test refusal hearings are only held at Boston/Haymarket.

Obituaries

Death notices

Nadeau, Michael
Died March 22, 2020
Memorial Service
at a late date

Russo, Adney A.
Died March 22, 2020
All services are private
Beers & Story
Funeral Home
Palmer


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Exceptions will be made only when the family provides a death certificate and must be pre-paid.



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Michael Nadeau

WEST WARREN – Michael Greg Bryant, of Michigan. Michael Nadeau, 55, passed away unexpectedly March 22, 2020, at his home in West Warren. Michael leaves his wife of 34 years, Anita Nadeau, as well as his beloved granddaughter, Rainbow Cleveland. Michael also leaves his sister, Catherine Nadeau, of North Carolina, as well as his brother, Richard Nadeau, of Florida. Michael also leaves his extended family, Cynthia Hittle, of Florida, Dana and Elizabeth Bryant, of Palmer, Vickie McCann, of Georgia and



ing a hand where needed. Michael will be greatly missed by many. There will be a memorial service at a later date when people can gather and mourn together.

Adney “Sonny” Russo

PALMER – Adney be deeply missed by his wife of 63 years, Norma (Jalbert) Russo, of Palmer. He also leaves four sons, Tony, of Tennessee, Timmy, of Monson, Tommy, of Colrain, and Todd, of Ware. He will be also be missed by his sister, Joy Duffy, of Coventry, Connecticut, 14 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. Besides his parents he was pre-deceased by a sister, Shirley Russo, of Palmer. All services are private and Beers and Story Palmer Funeral Home are entrusted with the arrangements. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Sonny's name to Saint Jude's Children's Research Hospital. For more information please visit www.beersand-story.com



Mandell Hill, a property owned by the East Quabbin Land Trust, is a combination of a working farm and woodlands, crisscrossed by iconic New England stone walls. It is located on Barre Road in Hardwick.

MANDELL from page 1

Mandell Farm barn.

At times there may be gates blocking the trails as the cows are moved to other pastures to graze, but they are meant to be passed through. It is important for visitors to close the gates behind them. Among the treats the property has in store are grasslands with many birds. The EQLT manages the grasslands, including posting bird houses, to encourage them to settle on the property.

Bobolinks are birds that are attracted to tall grasslands, uncut pastures, overgrown fields and meadows, and have been on the decline since the 1990s, due to changes in farming and a reduction in farmland, according to the Bobolink Project, which works with farmers to keep grasslands available to birds. While molting and on migration, bobolinks head to marshes and in agricultural fields.

Maintaining land that is home to bobolinks also helps other declining populations of grassland birds including the Eastern meadowlark, according to the

project. “It’s a great opportunity to be out,” Henshaw said. “We encourage people to use our trails. There is plenty of room to be able to have space amongst those who are using the property. There is plenty of room to step off the path and let others go by.”

It is a working farm property, and that the ecological management is ongoing, and sometimes visitors will see machinery on the property as that work is done, and there may land clearing activity as well. Henshaw said all work done on the property is part of a strict, long-term management plan in pursuit of the EQLT’s mission of preserving the natural, historical, agricultural and recreational character of the region.

Mandell Hill is intended to be a model of ecologically sensitive, financially profitable and culturally appropriate land use, and is supported with sustainable forestry and other activities such as sugaring.

For more information about the EQLT or its other properties throughout the area, go online to www.eqlt.org.

Ordered to issued keep waste and recycling collections in place

BOSTON – The Baker-Polito Administration today announced the issuance of an emergency order to ensure that intrastate waste and recycling collection and disposal will continue uninterrupted during the COVID-19 emergency.

Due to the essential nature of these services and anticipated impacts due to the COVID-19 outbreak, the Administration’s order provides relief from state and federal requirements that govern the hours of service allowed for commercial vehicle operators involved in waste and recycling transportation and collection, while maintaining important safety protections and measures.

“As Massachusetts continues its comprehensive response to the COVID-19 outbreak, it is imperative that residents across the commonwealth be able to rely on key services such as waste and recycling collection and disposal,” said Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection Commissioner Martin Suuberg. “By issuing this emergency order, we can better protect public health by ensuring that residents are able to maintain proper hygiene, cleanliness, and social distancing in their homes while navigating these new and challenging circumstances.”

The Administration’s action will help

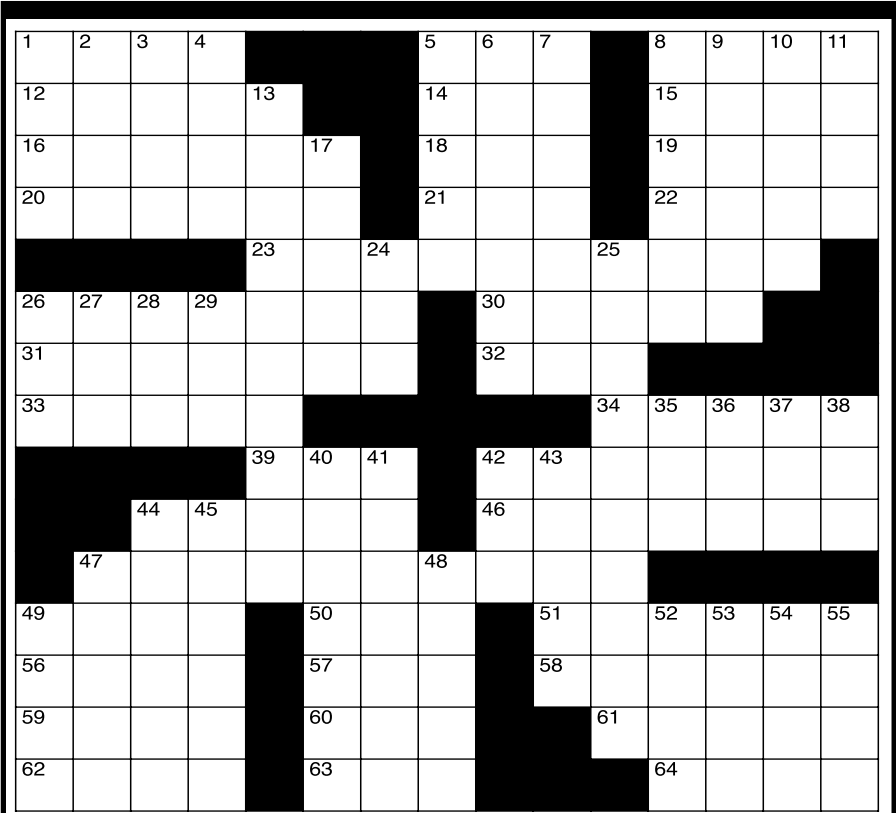
support continuity of waste and recycling operations by helping to ensure availability of adequate staffing resources throughout this emergency, and is consistent with the State of Emergency declared by Gov. Charlie Baker on Tuesday, March 10/

The order will remain in effect until April 12, unless the Administration determines otherwise.

For information about the Baker-Polito Administration’s ongoing efforts to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, please visit the Department of Public Health’s website.



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There is also a tower from which to watch wildlife, including a wide range of birds, at Mandell Hill.



- CLUES ACROSS**

 - 1. Bond villain Mikkelsen
 - 5. A team's best pitcher
 - 8. French river
 - 12. Mountain nymph (Greek)
 - 14. City of Angels airport
 - 15. Military force
 - 16. Scrawny
 - 18. Value
 - 19. One billionth of a second (abbr.)
 - 20. Highly seasoned sausage
 - 21. Trouble
 - 22. Prong
 - 23. Showing varying colors
 - 26. Cloaked
 - 30. Renters sign one
 - 31. Acquires
 - 32. Type of language (abbr.)
 - 33. Partner to pains
 - 34. Third portion of the
- CLUES DOWN**

 - 1. Female parents
 - 2. Region
 - 3. Transaction
 - 4. Heroic tale
 - 5. Of algae
 - 6. Luminous intensity unit
 - 7. Uncovers
 - 8. French commune name
 - 9. Poisonous gas
 - 10. Pearl Jam's bassist
 - 11. Horse groom in India
 - 13. Destroyed
 - 17. A way to alter
 - 24. Promotional materials
 - 25. American state
 - 26. Extinct flightless bird of New Zealand
 - 27. "Modern Family" network
 - 28. Last or greatest in an indefinitely large series
 - 29. Exercise system ___-bo
- 35. Type of bulb
 - 36. Opposite of beginning
 - 37. Utilize
 - 38. Type of student
 - 40. Deficiency of moisture
 - 41. Areas of the eye
 - 42. Select
 - 43. Sheets of floating ice
 - 44. Priests who act as mediums
 - 45. Roof of the mouth
 - 47. Unnatural
 - 48. Illuminated
 - 49. There are three famous ones
 - 52. Large, fast Australian birds
 - 53. "Dracula" heroine Harker
 - 54. Substitutes (abbr.)
 - 55. Tax
 - 62. IEEE
 - 63. Yew
 - 64. Sass

public notices

LEGAL NOTICE

The Ware Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, April 8, 2020, at 6:30 PM** pursuant to the Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. 131 c40. The hearing will include consideration of a Notice of Intent (NOI) by William A Moryl – Sunny Side Storage LLC for construction of a self storage facility located at 319 Palmer RD. Said hearing will be held in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, Town Hall, 126 Main Street, Ware, MA 01082. To view application and related plans, contact the Conservation office at 413.967.9648 x117.

Pursuant to MGL Chapter 4, Section 13, a copy of this legal notice can be found on the Massachusetts Newspaper Publishers Association's (MNPA) website: <http://masspublicnotices.org>. 4/2/2020

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As a paper of record, we attempt to cover all general news, personality profiles, and community features that we know about. This includes all selectmen and school committee meetings as well as spot planning board, board of health, finance, and other town meetings determined by the issue's relevance to our readers. There are the annual major community event features that we should always cover, but we are more than open to suggestions of other features to celebrate the fabric of our communities and their many interesting occupants. Our loyal advertisers provide funding for this paid staff coverage.

For more information on news or community features for the Ware River News, please email ekennedy@turley.com.



There are bluebird houses on the Mandell Hill property, although a variety of birds, who are cavity nesters, also use them.



Mandell Hill has bluebird boxes as do many of the EQLT properties.

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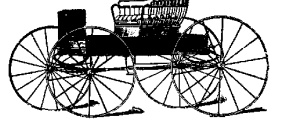
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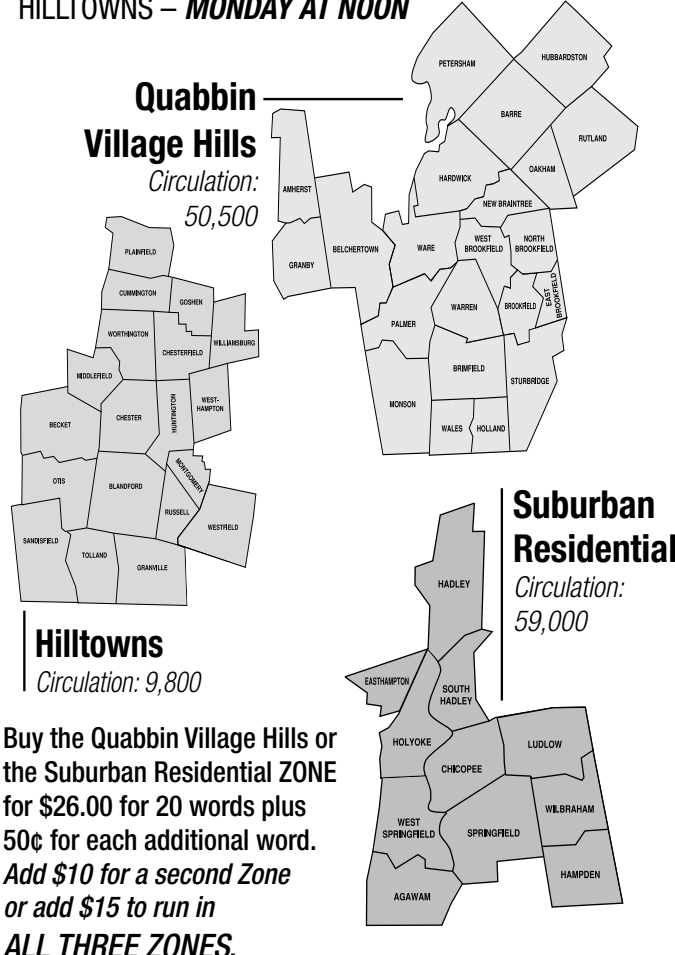
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